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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,
Increasing Residential and Non-Residential Rates
Docket Number: 2021-3-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am filing this letter on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (the "Company") regarding the procedural schedule in this docket. On March 22, 2021, the Clerk's Office issued a Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines, along with a Prefile Testimony Letter. The Prefile Testimony Letter instructs the parties to provide to the Commission, on or before August 30, 2021, the order of witnesses to be presented during the hearing, whether there is an objection to taking direct and rebuttal or surrebuttal testimony together during the hearing, and whether or not the Company plans to present its witnesses in panels.

Pursuant to the Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony, intervenor direct testimony is due to be filed on August 27, 2021, and the Company's rebuttal testimony is due to be filed on September 3, 2021. In light of these filing deadlines, the Company does not expect to be in a position to inform the Commission of its witness order, or whether it will be amenable to consolidating the presentation of direct and rebuttal testimony, until September 3, 2021. Therefore, the Company respectfully requests that it be permitted to provide its order of witnesses on September 3, 2021. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via electronic mail.

Sincerely,

Katie M. Brown

cc: Parties of record
David Butler, Chief Hearing Officer